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8                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA  
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10                   MIKEEL AZEEM,  
11    Plaintiff,  
12    v.  
13                   MARK STRONG,  
14    Defendant.

CASE NO. C16-5553 RBL-DWC  
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Noting Date: September 9, 2016

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16                   The District Court has referred this action, filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, to United States  
17 Magistrate Judge David W. Christel. Presently pending before the Court is Plaintiff Mikeel  
18 Azeem's Motion for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* ("Motion"). Dkt. 2.

19                   The right to proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP") is not absolute. *O'Loughlin v. Doe*, 920  
20 F.2d 614, 616 (9th Cir. 1990). Proceeding IFP is a matter within the sound discretion of the trial  
21 court in civil actions. *Weller v. Dickson*, 314 F.2d 598, 600 (9th Cir. 1963). Plaintiff submitted  
22 his prison trust account statement showing a spendable balance of \$800. Dkt. 2, p. 2. On June 29,  
23 2016, the Court ordered Plaintiff to show cause why his Motion should not be denied or, in the  
24 alternative, pay the \$400.00 filing fee by July 29, 2016. Dkt. 4.

1 Plaintiff has not filed a response to the Order to Show Cause and has not paid the filing  
2 fee. Because Plaintiff appears capable of paying the filing fee and has not shown cause why he  
3 cannot afford the \$400.00 filing fee, the Court recommends Plaintiff's Motion be denied.

4 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the parties shall have  
5 fourteen (14) days from service of this Report to file written objections. *See also* Fed. R. Civ. P.  
6 6. Failure to file objections will result in a waiver of those objections for purposes of appeal. *See*  
7 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Accommodating the time limit imposed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the  
8 clerk is directed to set the matter for consideration on September 9, 2016, as noted in the caption.

9 Dated this 22nd day of August, 2016.

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11 David W. Christel  
12 United States Magistrate Judge  
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